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July 01, 2015

**Via Hand Delivery**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58  
2015 ETC Annual Report of Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.  
Study Area Code 280447**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. (“Bruce”), JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules.<sup>1</sup> Bruce seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.<sup>2</sup> The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of its Progress Report on its Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan as required by Section 54.313(a)(1).<sup>3</sup>

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall  
JSI Vice President  
301-459-7590  
[jkuykendall@jsitel.com](mailto:jkuykendall@jsitel.com)

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential)

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Protective Order, DA 15-712 rel. June 17, 2015 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.313(a)(1).



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**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58  
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Request for Confidentiality**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. (“JSI”), on behalf of its client Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. (the “Company”) hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission’s rules,<sup>1</sup> withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).<sup>2</sup>

1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company’s annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules (“Report”).<sup>3</sup>
2. Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) must file with the Commission an initial section 54.202(a) Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan (“Five-Year Plan”) which is contained in the attachment to the 2015 Report.<sup>4</sup>
3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company’s Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

<sup>4</sup> See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order DA 14-591 (rel. May 1, 2014).

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

In its *March 5, 2013 Order*, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories."<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file a five-year service improvement plan which contains proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates, population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.
6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Five-Year Plan to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has

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<sup>5</sup> See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket 10-90 *et al.*, Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("*March 5, 2013 Order*") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.

7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
9. Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kuykendall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Kuykendall" clearly distinguishable.

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JSI Vice President  
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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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 FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	280447
<015> Study Area Name	BRUCE TEL CO - MS
<020> Program Year	2016
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Rick Bennett
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	6017643463 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexband.com

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)			
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> (attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> (attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<410> Fixed	0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<420> Mobile	0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<440> Fixed	0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<450> Mobile	0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">280447ms510.pdf</div>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">280447ms610.pdf</div>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	<input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

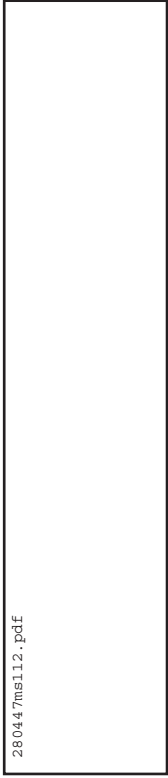
**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form</b>		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010>	Study Area Code	280447
<015>	Study Area Name	BRUCE TEL CO - MS
<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Rick Bennett
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6017643463 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexband.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/> (yes / no)

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.



<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Not Applicable

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-- See attached worksheet --

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
Data Collection Form

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	
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Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting</b>		FCC Form 481
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6017643463 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexusband.com

<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b>		FCC Form 481
<b>Lifeline</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexband.com

<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	<div>280447ms1210.pdf</div>	Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP	

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b>		FCC Form 481
<b>Data Collection Form</b>		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<010>	Study Area Code	280447
<015>	Study Area Name	BRUCE TEL CO - NS
<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Kirk Bennett
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	601764465 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexusband.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

<b>Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting</b>	
<2010>	2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}
<2011a>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
<2011b>	Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
<b>Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}</b>	
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}
<b>Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}</b>	
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband
<b>Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}</b>	
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions
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Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	
Data Collection Form	
FCC Form 481	
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexusband.com

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan	
	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	

(3011)	Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	
	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	280447ms3010.pdf

(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	
	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	280447ms3017.pdf

(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains	<input type="checkbox"/>

(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(3021)	Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	
	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

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Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends




<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexband.com

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>John Staurulakis, Inc.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	John Staurulakis, Inc.
Name of Reporting Carrier:	BRUCE TEL CO - MS
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/30/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Stephanie Hand
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Controller
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6017643463 ext.8080
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	280447 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	BRUCE TEL CO - MS
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	John Staurulakis, Inc.
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/30/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Lans Chase
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Staff Director - Regulatory
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	7705692105 ext.1
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	280447 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

## Attachments

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**ATTACHMENT - LINE 112**

**Five-Year Network Improvement Plan and  
Progress Report**

**ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY**

### **Demonstration of Complying with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules For Voice and Broadband**

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.”<sup>2</sup> The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement” and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.<sup>3</sup> In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”<sup>4</sup>

Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law and pursuant to the orders in Mississippi Public Service Commission Docket No. 2005-AD-662. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of Mississippi Public Service Commission which disclose rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers under Title 39 Utilities, Part III Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service , Subpart 1, General Rules, and Subpart 3, Special Rules – Telephone Companies, including requirements for customer

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at n. 72.

service, billing, consumer complaints, rates and charges, and under Miss. Code Ann. Title 77, Chapter 3 statutes; and (3) truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3. The Company furthermore will comply with all requirements set forth in the 2015 Open Internet Order when it becomes effective.

**Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations for Voice and Broadband Services**

Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)<sup>1</sup> and pursuant to orders in Mississippi Public Service Commission Docket No. 2005-AD-662. The Company’s network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. The company’s standby generators and battery back-up support both voice and broadband network equipment should an emergency situation occur. The company’s standby generators and battery back-up support both voice and broadband network equipment should an emergency situation occur.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to “demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.”







**(800) Operating Companies**

**Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	280447
<015>	Study Area Name	BRUCE TEL CO - MS
<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Rick Bennett
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6017643463 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbennett@nexband.com
<810>	Reporting Carrier	Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Fail Telecommunication Corporation
<812>	Operating Company	Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.

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<http://www.brucetelephone.com/lowincomeassistance.htm>

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### SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

#### LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

##### GENERAL

The Company, as part of its obligations as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, offers a low-income assistance program. This program, Lifeline Assistance, is offered under the terms and conditions provided below:

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##### Lifeline Assistance

###### A. General

Lifeline Assistance is a retail service offering available to qualifying low-income subscribers as provided for below. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges for the following package services: voice-grade access to the public switched network; local usage; dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; single-party service; access to emergency services; access to operator services; access to interexchange service; access to directory assistance; and toll blocking. An eligible customer receives credit for the Low-Income Assistance Program pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 and MPSC Docket 2007-AD-487.

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###### B. Regulations

1. A consumer household is eligible for Lifeline Assistance if the total household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Lifeline Assistance is also available to households containing at least one household member who participates in at least one of the following programs:

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- a. Medicaid
- b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly "Food Stamps"
- c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- d. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- f. Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- g. National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative (NSLP)

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2. Each subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that he/she receives benefits under a program outlined in subparagraph B.1., above, or meets the income-based criteria, and must, on the same document, agree to notify the Company if he/she ceases to participate in the qualifying program. The certification form shall conform to the requirements described herein, and shall be made available upon request to any subscriber. The Company shall retain all such subscriber certifications pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 in order to furnish proof of subscriber eligibility as may be required from time to time by Universal Service administrators.

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### SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

#### LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

##### Lifeline Assistance (continued)

##### B. Regulations (continued)

3. All applications for this service are subject to verifications with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program. The Company may request any additional documentation deemed necessary prior to providing Lifeline benefits such as an administering agency's official designation of eligibility in a particular means-based program found in sub-paragraph B.1., above, and that the telephone subscriber is the financially responsible party for the qualifying member of his or her household, or that the eligible household member is the telephone subscriber's dependent pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

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4. A subscriber may elect at the time of subscription to Lifeline Assistance to receive toll blocking as part of Lifeline Assistance. "Toll blocking" is a service that permits a subscriber to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from the subscriber's residence.

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5. Lifeline Assistance will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges, however, in the event toll charges are not paid within 10 days of the mailing of the Company bill, the Company will implement toll blocking immediately thereafter. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. Lifeline Assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service.

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6. The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Assistance if the qualifying low-income subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking from the Company, where available.

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##### NOTES:

- a. Sub-paragraph B.4. has been moved from sub-paragraph B.6. of this Sheet.
- b. Sub-paragraph B.5. has been moved from sub-paragraph B.7. Sheet 16.1-A.
- c. Sub-paragraph B.6. has been moved from sub-paragraph B.8. Sheet 16.1-A.
- d. Original Sheet sub-paragraph B.5. has been deleted per FCC Order 12-11.

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**SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES**

**LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Lifeline Assistance (continued)

**B. Regulations (continued)**

7. The Company will reconcile and confirm all subscribers' eligibility annually pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 by requiring each Lifeline subscriber to respond to and provide proof of continuing program eligibility under penalty or perjury via a FCC-compliant survey that their household continues to meet program eligibility requirements specified in B.1., above. Lifeline subscribers who are determined to be ineligible shall be notified of their ineligibility in writing by the Company and provided 30 days from the date of such notice to rectify or otherwise demonstrate their eligibility prior to the discontinuance of their Lifeline benefits. All unresolved disputes regarding Lifeline eligibility shall be brought to the attention of the MPSC for resolution.

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8. Only one Lifeline service is available per residential household pursuant to FCC Order 12-11. A household is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen years or older. When an adult having no or minimal income and living with someone who provides financial support to him or her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen living with their parents or guardians are considered to be part of the same household as their parents or guardians. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline benefits from multiple providers.

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9. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residential customers.

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10. The PIC charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers who subscribe to toll blocking and do not presubscribe to a long distance carrier.

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**NOTES:**

- a. Sub-paragraph B.7. has been moved from sub-paragraph B.4. of Sheet 16.1.
- b. Original Sheet sub-paragraph B.7. has been moved to B.5. of Sheet 16.1-A.
- c. Original Sheet sub-paragraph B.9. and B.10. have been deleted per FCC Order 12-11.
- d. Sub-paragraphs B.9 and B.10. have been moved from sub-paragraph B.11. and B.12., respectively, of this Sheet.

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**Cancels Second Revision of Sheet 16.2****SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES****LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM****Lifeline Assistance (continued)****C. Credits**

1. The following credits will apply for each customer eligible for Lifeline Assistance.

**Lifeline Credit****Monthly Credit****\$9.25****(C)****b.****(D)****2.****(D)**

3. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers shall first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

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**SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES****LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**Link-Up

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*The Link-Up Assistance Program for non-tribal lands has been discontinued pursuant to FCC Order 12-11.*

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**SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES****LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**Link-Up

*The Link-Up Assistance Program for non-tribal lands has been discontinued pursuant to FCC (D) Order 12-11.*

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## Lifeline Assistance Program Application and Certification Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: MS Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

My Physical Address is ☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Multi-Household

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number for which Lifeline Credits are to apply: \_\_\_\_\_

### = NOTICE =

**Lifeline is a federal benefit; only one Lifeline service is allowed per household; a household cannot receive benefits from more than one telephone service provider; a household is defined as any individual or group of persons living together at the same address sharing income and expenses (an “economic unit”); and Lifeline is a non-transferable benefit. Households receiving Lifeline benefits from more than one telephone company will be de-enrolled. Prosecution by the federal government for this offence is possible.**

Are you or any member of your household already receiving Lifeline benefits from a telephone company?  
☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, please be aware that only one Lifeline benefit is allowed for each household.

### = PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA =

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial if applicable) I certify that either a member of my household or I participate in the below-marked assistance program. I understand I must provide satisfactory documentation of this participation to Bruce Telephone Company.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Public Housing Assistance (Sect 8) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)        |   |

### -----OR-----

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial if applicable) I certify that my total household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. I understand I must provide satisfactory documentation of this declaration to Bruce Telephone Company.



## Lifeline Assistance Program

### Application and Certification Form

**I certify under penalty of perjury the following (initial by each certification):**

\_\_\_\_\_ *I currently meet Lifeline eligibility as indicated on Page One of this document.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I will notify Bruce Telephone Company within 30 days if I or my qualifying household member cease(s) to meet program eligibility as specified on Page One or, for any reason, no longer meet(s) all Lifeline eligibility criteria. I certify that I understand and agree to comply with this notification requirement under penalty of perjury and prosecution.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *If I move to a new address I will notify Bruce Telephone Company within 30 days of my move.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *If my address is temporary, I understand that I may be required to verify my address with Bruce Telephone Company every 90 days.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I certify my household is not receiving nor will it receive Lifeline benefits from another telephone company such as Safelink, Assurance, and Reachout Wireless while enrolled in the Lifeline program with Bruce Telephone Company.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I acknowledge that providing false or fraudulent information to receive Lifeline benefits is punishable by law and will result in program de-enrollment and possible program debarment, fines, or imprisonment.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *I acknowledge that I will be required to provide proof of continuing program eligibility at least once each year when notified by Bruce Telephone Company, and any failure to do so, on my part, will result in de-enrollment from the Lifeline Assistance Program.*

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of eligibility review:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of applicant's proof of eligibility:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(i.e.: SNAP card, SSI program letter, federal tax return, three consecutive months of paycheck stubs, etc.)*

**Proof of applicant's eligibility reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Bruce Telephone Company authorized signature required)*

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All Exchanges in Certificated Area  
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**LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF**

**GENERAL**

This tariff is governed, except as otherwise specified herein, by the General Exchange Tariff, which is hereby made a part of this tariff. The charges quoted in this tariff are for a period of one month, payable monthly in advance, and entitle the subscriber to local exchange service and Extended Area Service to Calhoun City, Houlka, Slate Springs, and Vardaman, Mississippi, at the rates shown below.

**RATES**

**RESIDENCE**

One party line access		
Tel-Touch	\$19.25	(I)
Non Tel-Touch	\$17.70 <sup>1</sup>	(I)

**BUSINESS**

One Party Line Access without hunting		
Tel-Touch	\$27.57	(I)
Non Tel-Touch	\$26.01 <sup>1</sup>	(I)
One Party Line Access with hunting		
Tel-Touch	\$40.06	(I)

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**TRUNKS**

Combination (Two-way), per trunk		
Tel-Touch	\$40.04	(I)
		(D)
Inward Only		
Tel-Touch	\$40.04	(I)
		(D)
Outward Only		
Tel-Touch	\$40.04	(I)
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1. Non Tel-Touch (rotary) service is available only to existing Non Tel-Touch subscribers as of the previous revision of this tariff, November 1, 2010. All new and changed services of the type listed on this sheet will require Tel-Touch service.

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**Bruce Telephone Company (SAC 280447)**

**Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))**

Bruce Telephone Company hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

**Bruce Telephone Company, Inc. (SAC 280447)****Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly Began Providing Service**

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. BTC hereby provides the FCC with a list of community anchor institutions to which it newly began providing access to broadband service in calendar year 2014.<sup>1</sup>

<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
1	Bruce Family Medical Center	128 Public Sq Bruce, MS 38915
2	Dept of Drivers License Bureau	182 S Murphree St Pittsboro, MS 38951

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<sup>1</sup> The FCC has defined community anchor institutions in Section 54.5 of its Rules as “schools, libraries, health care providers, community colleges, other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and entities.”

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**ATTACHMENT - LINE 3017**

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